catharsis

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SO, WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP THIS LATE ANYWAY?

Were you planning to go out somewhere?
Don't you have summer school tomorrow?

I-I UM..
YOU'RE NOT UP TO

ANYTHING BAD ARE YOU?..
MENACING
BAD?! N-NO, MOM. I'M NOT.

AH!

AND WHAT ARE YOU WEARING AROUND YOUR NECK? WHEN DID YOUR SENSE OF FASHION CHANGE?
WERE YOU PEER PRESSURED TO WEAR THAT? DID SOME KIDS GIVE THAT TO YOU TO LET YOU INTO THEIR CLIQUE?

Or... maybe... you're j-just into--THAT-- kind... of.. stuff?
WHAT?! It's not what you think!! WHAT ARE YOU EVEN TALKING ABOUT?!
And why is your hair so long? did you get lazy to cut it??

You'll break out easily in the summer with your hair in your face all the time!
Have you been depressed while I was gone??
Is it stress? TEENAGE ANGST??

OH MY GOD, WHAT HAPPENED TO MY SON WHILE I WAS GONE?
AHH.....
SHE'S NOT GOING TO LISTEN AT THIS RATE.

M-MY SELF-ESTEEM...
NAG
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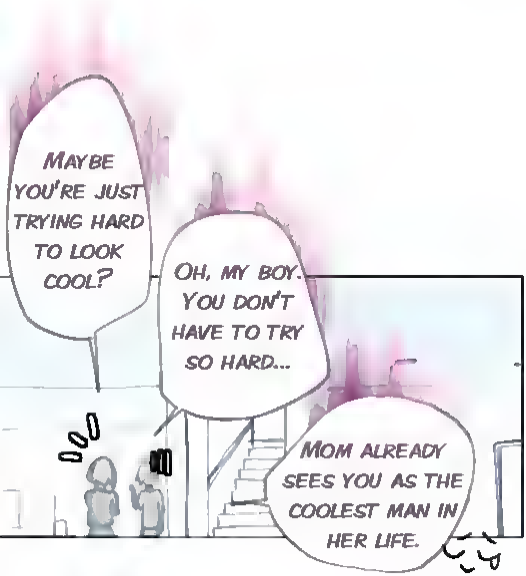

MAYBE YOU'RE JUST TRYING HARD TO LOOK COOL?
OH, MY BOY. YOU DON'T HAVE TO TRY SO HARD...
MOM ALREADY SEES YOU AS THE COOLEST MAN IN HER LIFE.

BZZZT
BZZT
THAT MUST BE PARIS CALLING.
OH MAN. HOW AM I GOING TO EXPLAIN THIS HOLD UP?

HEY MOM.

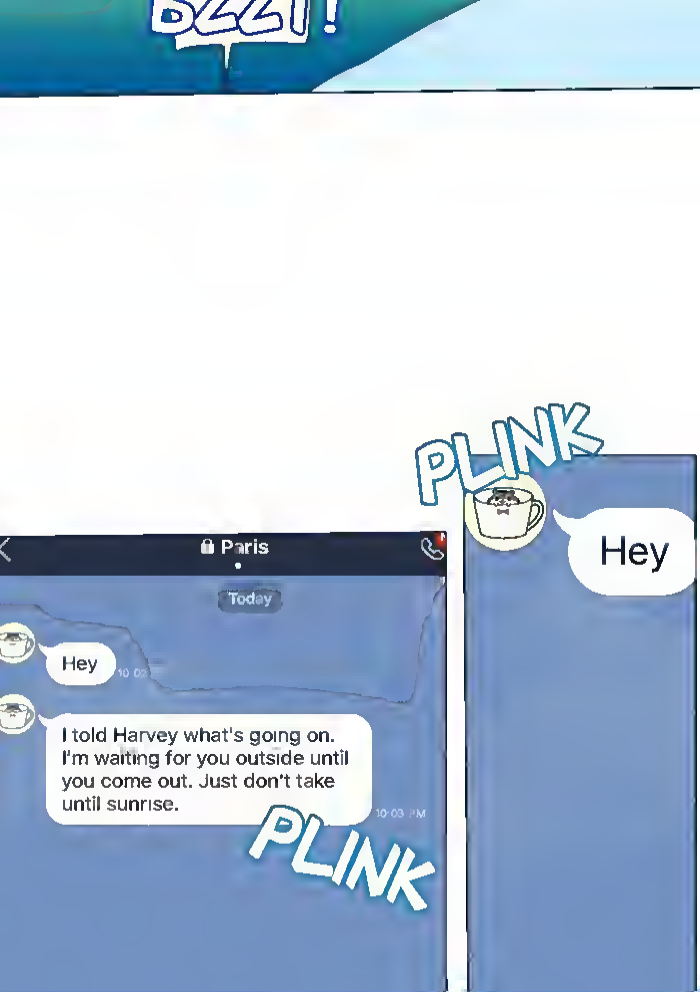
I'M HAPPY THAT YOU'RE FINALLY HOME. I KNOW YOU'VE GOT TONS OF QUESTIONS AND I PROMISE I'LL ANSWER THEM...

BUT--
ONLY AFTER YOU REST. IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE YOU'VE SLEPT IN YOUR OWN ROOM. RIGHT? YOU'RE PROBABLY REEEAALLY TIRED.

OH.

..Ok
Then help me bring my bags up.
It's true. I really just want to sleep already.

And from what you look like, you should go to bed asap too. you've got big bags under your eyes. it's atrocious.


BZZT!
PLINK
Hey
Paris
Today
Hey
10:02
I told Harvey what's going on. I'm waiting for you outside until you come out. Just don't take until sunrise.
10:03 PM
PLINK

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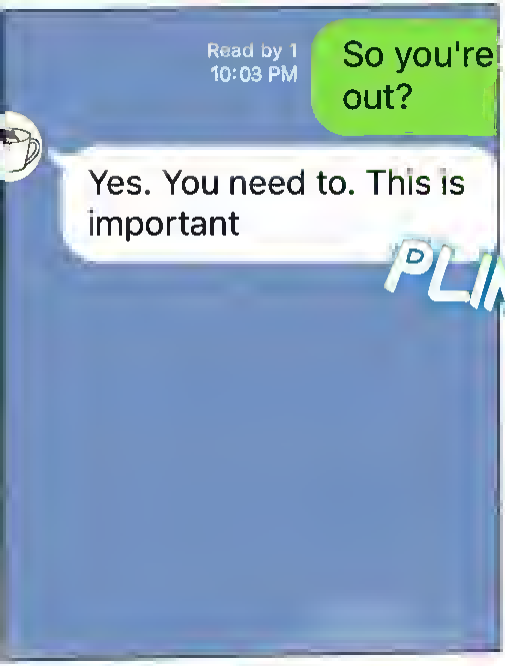
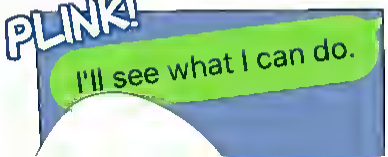
PLINK!
So you're telling me to sneak out?


Read by 1
10:03 PM
So you're
out?
Yes. You need to. This is
important
PLINK!

LEON!
WHO'S SO IMPORTANT ON THAT PHONE THAT YOU'D IGNORE YOUR MOTHER? YOUR GIRLFRIEND?

NOPE.
IT'S NOT.


PLINK!
I'll see what I can do.

...AND SENT.
OOF! WHAT'S IN THIS BAG? WEIGHTS?

OH MY GOD.
EVERYTHING IS SO DUSTY UP HERE! DID YOU NOT CLEAN AT ALL?!?!